Export of Mica

1040 DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Mica exported during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to increase the export of Mica?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The quantum of mica and mica products exported during the last three years is estimated under:

	(Qty. in '000 Mts)
1986—87	31.53
1987—88	41.43
1988—89	38.44

(b) Steps to promote export of mica and mica products include abolition of export duty on mica and mica products except mica scrap, survey of mica mines to assess the causes of closure of mica mines and remedial measures therefor, sales promotion tours and participation in international trade fairs, setting up of units for manufacture of value added mica products, etc.

Export of Jute

1041. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Jute exported during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to increase the exports of jute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The quantum of jute goods exported during the last three years, year-wise is given below:—

	(Units: 000 Tonnes)
1986-87.	276.8
1987-88.	239.9
1988-89.	223.0

(b) The following major steps have been taken to increase the exports of jute goods:—

(i) Announcement of new rates of CCS w.e.f. 1-4-89 covering more jute products and extending the benefit to merchant exporters in addition to manufacturers.

(ii) Introduction of External Marketing Assistance Scheme for diversified jute products.

(iii) Implementation of reformulated Export Price Stabilisation Fund Scheme.

(iv) Encouragement for production and marketing of diversified jute products.

(v) Introduction of Advance Licensing Scheme for import of raw jute against export of jute goods.

Smuggled video casset s depicting anti-Indian propaganda in Kashmir

1042. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken notice of the video cassettes being smuggled from Pakistan into Kashmir in June, 1989, depicting training of Afghani Mujahideen, anti-India propaganda and liberating of Kashmir from India; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to curb such anti-India activities in that State?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Administration have carried out a number of raids on the premises and hideouts of anti-national elements and have been keeping a close watch on the situation. Assistance wherever called for is also provided by the Centre.